

# EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. KATHY CASTOR

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 19, 2021*

Ms. CASTOR of Florida. Madam Speaker, I missed the vote on Roll Call No. 94 on March 18, 2021. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 94.

## IN RECOGNITION OF JESSICA PEDRO-PASCUAL

### HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 19, 2021*

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Jessica Pedro-Pascual on winning two Silver Keys and two Honorable Mention Awards at the 2021 Central PA Scholastic Art and Writing Competition.

Jessica attends Bermudian Springs High School and is passionate about studying art. Her drawings and illustrations have garnered her the Silver Key and Honorable Mention Awards at the 2021 Central PA Scholastic Art and Writing Competition, which first was established in 1923 to support teenage artists and writers.

Congratulations to Jessica on this remarkable achievement, and I wish her continued success as she pursues her love of art.

## RECOGNIZING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF FELLOWSHIP FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

### HON. JASON SMITH

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 19, 2021*

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church of Park Hills, Missouri on the occasion of their 75th anniversary.

The church was founded in 1946 when a group of about 50 believers gathered to worship at the old Buckley Store building. Roughly three months later Fellowship Church voted to purchase the property at 601 Buckley Street, where the sanctuary stands today. The purchase was made on August 12, 1946, and ground was broken just 14 days later.

In the heart of the mining community, a group of lead miners on strike, volunteered their manpower and resources to build the sanctuary. Only eight months later, the first service was held in the new church on Easter Sunday, April 17, 1949.

It has been the mission of Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church to help people find their greatest joy in Jesus by helping them to "Know God, Grow in Truth, Connect in Community, and Serve Others."

It is my great pleasure to honor Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church of Park Hills, Missouri on their 75th anniversary today, before the United States House of Representatives.

## HONORING THE GAY AND LESBIAN ACTIVISTS ALLIANCE OF WASHINGTON, D.C.

### HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 19, 2021*

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, as the member representing the District of Columbia in Congress, I am proud and honored that the District has the oldest continuously active LGBTQ civil rights organization in the nation, the Gay and Lesbian Activists Alliance of Washington, D.C. (GLAA).

GLAA has worked tirelessly for LGBTQ people in D.C. since its founding in April 1971. April of this year marks GLAA's 50th anniversary. This is an incredible milestone in the history of D.C.'s premier LGBTQ organization. Over the past 50 years, GLAA has worked tirelessly for the passage of many important legislative and policy measures that affect LGBTQ Americans, especially in the District.

Equality for all Americans has always been a priority for me in Congress, but equal treatment for LGBTQ people has long held even greater significance to me. Congressional opponents of equality for LGBTQ people have used D.C.'s unique status as a weapon against LGBTQ people in D.C. For example, I had to defeat many bills and amendments that would have blocked D.C.'s marriage equality law.

I was pleased to celebrate GLAA's work to help pass the D.C. Religious Freedom and Civil Marriage Equality Amendment Act in 2010, which removed any doubt in the District of the right of same-sex couples to marry. The act served to recognize same-sex marriages five years before the Supreme Court's decision in *Obergefell v. Hodges*. This remarkable effort exhibits the dedication and success that GLAA has displayed throughout its history. Its work extends well beyond this and includes a commitment to strengthen and enforce the D.C. Human Rights Act of 1977 to include protections for LGBTQ seniors and transgender Washingtonians.

GLAA has done extensive coalition-building and continues to defend the rights of LGBTQ youth and seniors, particularly when it comes to issues surrounding policing, healthcare, housing and consumer protection. What GLAA has done, and continues to accomplish, in these very personal and meaningful areas of life for LGBTQ residents should be applauded and uplifted. I have confidence that the future will bring even more success with GLAA's presence in our community, for which we should all be grateful.

I ask the House to join me in honoring GLAA and celebrating GLAA's 50 years of re-

markable, distinguished service to and advocacy for the LGBTQ community in the District of Columbia.

## CELEBRATING WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

SPEECH OF

### HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 17, 2021*

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, Women's History Month is a time to appreciate the achievements of women and the many strides we've made to create a more equal society and an inclusive world for our children.

Women's History Month began as a designated week in California in 1978. It soon became a week nationwide, and a decade later it was expanded to include the entire month of March.

Women have had to fight for voting rights, equal treatment, equal pay, and much more, often at great costs, but we have achieved so much. In the 1970s, women were not allowed to get credit or loans in their own name. Today, women make up the majority of the college-educated workforce.

Because of the actions and sacrifices of those who came before us, the new Congress has 144 women serving in it, the highest number in American history and we have the first female Vice President in our history.

While much has been accomplished, there's so much more to be done. We must reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act, secure equal pay, tackle maternal mortality rates, stop the relentless attacks on reproductive health, and guarantee paid family leave.

The pandemic has had a devastating and disproportionate impact on women. In September of 2020, more than a million Americans left the workforce, with 80 percent being women. Three months later, 140,000 jobs of women were lost.

To all the women who are struggling during this pandemic, I see them. I stand with them and I will fight for them always.

## IN RECOGNITION OF EMMA OSBORNE

### HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 19, 2021*

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Emma Osborne on winning the Gold Key award at the 2021 Central PA Scholastic Art and Writing Competition.

Emma currently attends Bermudian Springs High School near York Springs, Pennsylvania and is passionate about art. Her painting, *Rage Quilt*, garnered her the top award at the

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2021 Central PA Scholastic Art and Writing Competition, which was first established in 1923 to support teenage artists and writers.

Congratulations to Emma on this remarkable achievement, and I wish her continued success as she pursues her love of art.

IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF NAPOLEON HIGH SCHOOL WINNING THE DIVISION II STATE GIRLS BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

**HON. ROBERT E. LATTA**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 19, 2021*

Mr. LATTA. Madam Speaker, it is with a great deal of pride that I rise to pay a very special tribute to an outstanding high school basketball team in Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. The young women of the Napoleon High School girls' basketball team have represented their school ably on their way to achieving the Division II State Girls Basketball Title. In their effort to surpass all other teams in the Division II State Basketball Playoffs, the Napoleon Wildcats overcame the challenges posed by intense competition.

In pursuing the State Championship, the Napoleon Lady Wildcats defeated the Vinton County Vikings to win their first state basketball championship. The members of this very special team have shown that their sport requires an individual effort for a team result. Their hard work and dedication, both on and off the court, in achieving this accomplishment is truly outstanding.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying special tribute to the Napoleon High School girls basketball team. On behalf of the people of the Fifth District of Ohio, I am proud to recognize this great achievement.

CELEBRATING WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

SPEECH OF

**HON. ED CASE**

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 17, 2021*

Mr. CASE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the women of our nation and my home state of Hawaii past, present and future as we again celebrate Women's History Month.

Each year during the month of March, we remember and honor the extraordinary American women who have made such lasting contributions to our culture, history and society. Long before they finally gained the right to vote in elections and before they broke through glass ceilings throughout our society, generations of women worked to expand the rights and opportunities previously denied to them. Women from all across America revolutionized their respective fields, setting the stage for the next generation, and the next, to pursue and attain equality.

It is my honor to share with you today the stories of three remarkable women from Hawaii who made indelible contributions in education, science and politics.

When Princess Bernice Pauahi Bishop was born in 1831, the Native Hawaiian population

in the islands numbered about 124,000. By the time she wrote her will in 1883, only 44,000 Native Hawaiians remained. In response to these dramatic changes facing Hawaii, she committed her life to those who were suffering and struggling in her homeland. She saw that education would allow her people to adapt to a changing world while preserving their language, culture and identity, so she dedicated her royal inheritance to establish Kamehameha Schools, with the mission of educating the children of Hawaii. Today, Kamehameha Schools is the largest independent school system in the U.S., with a current enrollment of 6,900 students within its Pre-K-12th grade program, and countless alumni who have bettered Hawai'i and our nation in countless ways.

Born in remote Hāna, Maui in 1919, Dr. Isabella Kauakea Tau Yung Aiona Abbott was the first Native Hawaiian woman to receive a PhD in science. Abbot spent much of her childhood at the seashore with her mother, collecting seaweed and algae. From her mother, as her mother from hers and on back, she learned to distinguish the different types of edible seaweed and how to use them in traditional Hawaiian cooking. These practices, passed from mother to daughter over generations, catalyzed Abbott's career in natural science. She went on to get her PhD in botany from the University of California at Berkeley. In 1960, she became a lecturer in the Biology Department at Stanford, and in 1971 she became the first woman on Stanford's biological sciences faculty. Abbot made unparalleled contributions to marine science, authoring eight books and over 150 research papers. She is credited with discovering over 200 different species of algae, many of which have been named after her, including a genus of the red algae family, which is called Abbottella, or "little Abbott."

Patsy Mink was the first Asian-American woman to be elected to the U.S. House of Representatives. Although her list of accomplishments is extensive, Mink faced many obstacles early in her career from those who did not believe in gender equality. After earning her bachelor's degree at the University of Hawaii, Mink applied to 12 medical schools and was rejected by all of them. She pivoted to study law at the University of Chicago. After graduating, she was denied the opportunity to take the bar examination in Hawaii due to her gender and marital status. She challenged the statute, won her case, and later passed the bar only to find that she could not get a job because she was married and had a child. She opened her own practice and focused on ending discriminatory laws. During her political career over the subsequent years, she broke many glass ceilings, winning positions in the State House of Representatives, the State Senate and eventually the U.S. House of Representatives, where she served for 12 terms. During her 24 years in Congress, she introduced and won passage of many impactful initiatives, most notably the Title IX amendment that ended discrimination in education due to gender, religion or race. In recognition of the tremendous impact Title IX has had for millions of girls and women over the past four decades, Congress renamed Title IX the Patsy T. Mink Equal Opportunity in Education Act following her passing.

I could tell countless other stories of other women of Hawaii as we celebrate Women's

History Month, stories that serve as an inspiration as we look to honor the tremendous contributions of the women who challenged the status quo and courageously fought for equality in every state of our nation. They truly paved the way for the equally inspiring women that we are privileged to witness advancing gender equity today.

There is still so much work to be done for women in the U.S. and around the world. With the rest of my colleagues in Congress, I am inspired this month to continue the work that brings us closer each day to our nation's highest ideals of freedom and equality for all.

RECOGNIZING COLORADO'S LIVESTOCK INDUSTRY

**HON. KEN BUCK**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 19, 2021*

Mr. BUCK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the hard-working Coloradans who form the bedrock of my state's livestock industry. In Colorado's 4th District, the livestock and agriculture industries account for more than 11,000 jobs, which contributes to the \$41 billion economic impact these industries have statewide. During last fiscal year, 82 percent of Colorado's agriculture sales came from Colorado's 4th District. Meat and poultry suppliers, as well as other agricultural producers, are essential to the communities across the Eastern Plains and are foundational to Colorado's economy. Despite the many supply chain disruptions imposed on Coloradans by the pandemic, the agriculture community has come together to focus on feeding Americans during these challenging times.

These dedicated men and women serve our communities in countless ways every day. Madam Speaker, I am honored to recognize their hard work and determination.

IN RECOGNITION OF KARL PIETRZAK

**HON. JOHN JOYCE**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 19, 2021*

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Karl Pietrzak on his new role as President and Chief Executive Officer of Destination Gettysburg.

Mr. Pietrzak was raised in Adams County and is returning to the region to assume this new position. Before joining Destination Gettysburg, he served as Vice President of Visit Pittsburgh. In that role, he helped Pittsburgh to generate over one \$1 billion in direct spending revenue. Mr. Pietrzak has immense experience in the tourism and hospitality industries, and he will be a great addition to the Adams County community.

As visitors travel to Gettysburg and the Adams County region, Mr. Pietrzak will be an incredible partner to small businesses and the tourism community. I congratulate Karl Pietrzak on his new role and look forward to working alongside him to serve Adams County.